

**Minutes  
Education Advisory Committee  
April 28, 2014  
City Hall**

**Attendees**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Cory Sanders, <i>Dist 2</i>	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Charlene Mahoney, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Brian Bertges, <i>Dist 1</i>	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Melissa Day, <i>Dist 3</i>	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i>	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Doris Ellis, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Peggy Wilson, <i>UMD</i>	<u>  X  </u>	_____

**Also Present:**

Peggy Higgins, City Liaison; David Delayan; Lauren Egan; Sarah Yamal; Kate Mckay; Faheem Mahmooth, Recording Secretary

**Call to order**

Ms. Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. At the request of Ms. Higgins the four guests introduced themselves as graduate students from the university.

**Agenda Items**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The committee was unable to approve the previous meeting minutes, as there were not enough members at the meeting.

**The Role of the EAC**

Ms. Higgins explained that the EAC acts as an advisory committee to the College Park City Council in order to assist the city in promoting education in the local schools. She further explained that the EAC engages in various initiatives throughout the year including the UMD Summer Camp Scholarships, the Preschool Fair, The Fulbright Scholars Reception, and the EAC grants which awards grants to local school that serve at least 14 College Park students.

Ms. Higgins explained that the Preschool Fairs aim to familiarize parents with the preschool services offered in the city.

Ms. Wilson described how the UMD Summer Camp Scholarships provide up to \$500 in funding per College Park resident applicant in order to attend summer camps at the University of Maryland. She further explained that this was the second year the committee was offering these scholarship. Ms. Higgins said that this year the EAC was able to allocate about \$22,500 for these

scholarships. In response to Mr. Delayan's question, Ms. Higgins responded that the City Council approves the budget that funds the scholarship.

Ms. Wilson informed the guest that for the last 5 years the city hosts a reception for Fulbright scholars usually in November.

Ms. Wilson also describe the Principals' Reception which has been going on for the last 2 years. This reception serves to recognize local principals for their commitment to education in the city.

In response to Mr. Delayan's question about community involvement with the EAC, Ms. Higgins informed the guests that the minutes for the EAC meeting and recordings are available for the public to access. The EAC meetings are also open to the public.

Ms. Higgins will email the guests the resolution that established the committee. In addition, Ms. Higgins provided the guests with copies of budget that dealt with the EAC.

### **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned by consensus at 9:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by Faheem A. Mahmooth